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SUBJECT: RANSOM DEMAND FOR HOSTAGES REPORTEDLY BEING HELD
SOMEWHERE IN LEBANON

1. WE MAY HAVE A HOSTAGE SITUATION INVOLVING AMCITS.
EMBASSY NICOSIA RECEIVED LETTER TODAY, THURSDAY, SEPT.
23, MAILED YESTERDAY IN CYPRUS AT 1230. LETTER IN FRENCH
FROM R.H.A.I.L. (RON HAVLEN ARVOZEN INSTITUTION LEBANON).
LETTER STATES 47 PERSONS INCLUDING 29 AMCITS BEING HOSTAGE
IN LEBANON AT THREE SEPARATE LOCATIONS AND DEMANDS
\$6,295,000 RANSOM FROM USG WITHIN 48 HOURS OR HOSTAGES
WILL BE QUOTE MUTILATED UNQUOTE. LETTER STIPULATES NO RPT
NO PUBLICITY AND INCLUDES DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FOR
DELIVERY OF RANSOM PAYMENT.

2. INFORMAL WORKING GROUP IN OPERATION. WHITE HOUSE
INFORMED. INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY RESEARCHING AVAILABLE
DATA. I AM CONSULTING WITH CLAY AND WITH RAY HUNT AND
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DAVID MACK TO BENEFIT FROM THEIR BEIRUT EXPERIENCE.

MAJOR OBJECTIVE AT THIS POINT IS TO ESTABLISH AUTHENTICITY OF
DEMAND. 48 HOUR PERIOD PRESUMABLY STARTED WHEN EMBASSY
RECEIVED LETTER, SHORTLY BEFORE 0745 THIS MORNING. WE ARE
TRYING TO KEEP NEWS OF DEMAND AS CLOSELY HELD AS POSSIBLE.
ROBINSON

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